

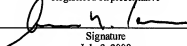
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/810,792

Filing Date: March 26, 2004

For VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS, VIDEO  
ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING  
PROGRAM, VIDEO DECODING  
APPARATUS, VIDEO DECODING METHOD  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 6, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.